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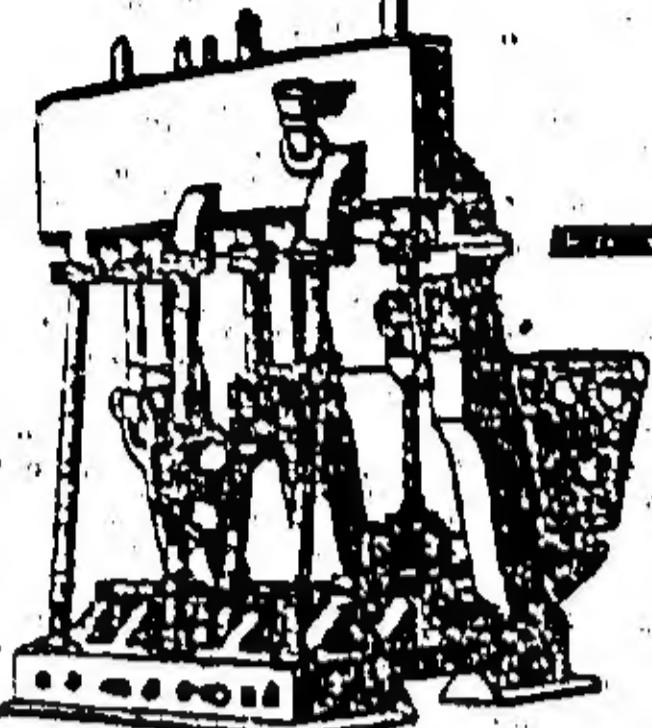
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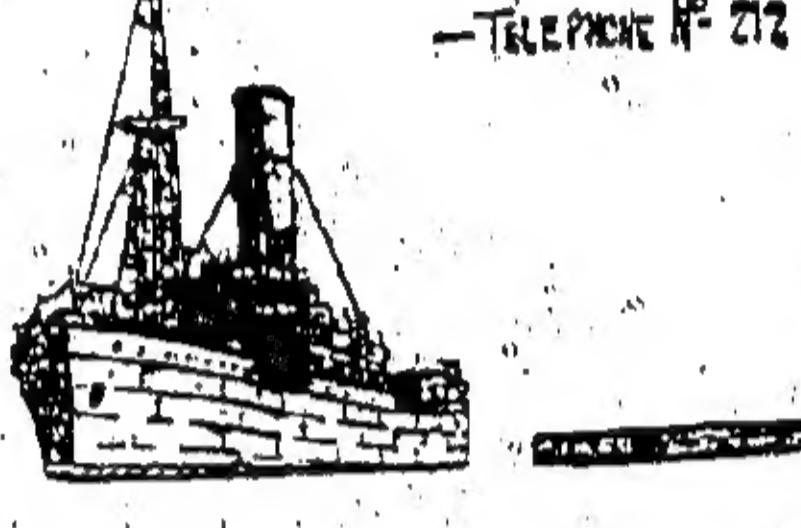


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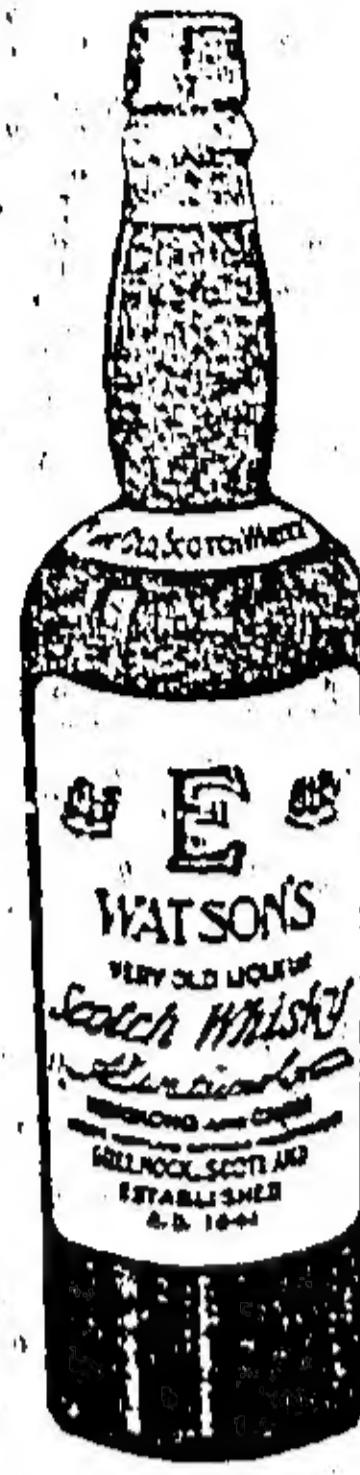
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## THE DIARY.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Noon—Green Island Cement Co.'s Extraordinary Meeting.

3 p.m.—Auction of a quantity of Sulphur at Water Police Coal Yard, Kowloon.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Jan. 6.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Cicket:—H.K.C. Club v. Civil Service on C.S. ground.

4 p.m. Football:—H.K. Football Club v. K.S.L.L.

9 p.m.—Police Reserve Assault-at-Arms in Theatre Royal.

SUNDAY, Jan. 7.—  
2.15 p.m.—Rifle Shooting Match between H.K.V.C. and H.K. V.R. at Kowloon.

MONDAY, Jan. 8.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

3.42 p.m.—Full moon.

TUESDAY, Jan. 9.—  
Diocesan School Prize Giving.

Noon—Presentation of Prizes by Lady May at Edilius Public School.

SATURDAY, Jan. 10.—  
Noon—Auction of R.C. "Kung Ting" at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

TUESDAY, Jan. 10.—  
Chinese New Year General Holiday.

THURSDAY, Jan. 12.—  
Burns Night.

SATURDAY, Jan. 13.—  
Entries close for Hongkong Race Meeting.

Boarding Ho Kepers Guild.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shanghai St. Andrew's collection on St. Andrew's Day for the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society, resulted in the sum of £1,300 being sent home.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 23rd December, 1916 amounted to 65,284 tons and the Sales during the period, to 59,788 tons.

The employment of police dogs for the discovery of theft by the police here, says a Peking contemporary, has resulted in a great success. The first time the police put the trained dogs on the job was in connexion with the loss of a valuable certain Mr. Wang in the West City some days ago. The dogs traced the track to a servant of Mr. Wang. The former had already fled to Tientsin, but through the efforts of the police, both man and the stolen property were seized in the port.

Doing ten three-minute rounds against various boxers—Richards, Davis, Heath and Smith—Corps Scott last night showed quite capable form for his 15 two-minute round contest with Stapleton for the heavy-weight championship of the Colony at the Theatre Royal next Saturday. Davis, who is to box Pepin—the holder of the Lonsdale Police Shield—is training hard and with a little more practice will give Pepin a severe shock.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

WE print in another column of our to-day's issue an interesting pronouncement by His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States on the subject of what further help in manpower contribution to the Empire, Malaya can give for active service under the War Office. In Malaya, as in our own Colony, it is, first of all necessary that "there should be sufficient men remaining for defensive purposes in case of local need," and a second consideration is "the maintenance of local industries." As regards the first of these considera-

tion, the Government of Malaya question is a more difficult one. Many hundreds of men in the Malay States have gone to the front since the war began, and it is probable that very few managers of estates or other local industries would be able now to recognize that the retention of all the men they have is not vital to "the maintenance of local industries." The opinion of the employee, on the other hand, may differ from that of his employer, and the Government of Malaya proposes to appoint Advisory Committees to whom such differences may be voluntarily referred and they will advise the employer and the employee as to the course they should adopt. The Advisory Committee will also be authorized to issue certificates to those who offer themselves for active service but who, in the opinion of the Committee, are indispensable for the work on which they are employed in Malaya. The step between this scheme and the adoption of the compulsory service act is a short one, and it is open to doubt whether the scheme can be satisfactorily worked without compulsion. With the necessary safeguards for keeping a sufficient number of men for defensive purposes and for the maintenance of local industries, it is difficult to see what objection would remain to applying the Compulsory Service Act to the Crown Colonies. The Government of Colombo sometimes drafted a local ordinance adopting provisions of the Home Act, but we do not know what its fate was. No doubt, the question has also been considered by the Straits Government in connection with the policy now initiated, but the official pronouncement shows that the Government has no present intention of seeking compulsory powers. The working of the Malaya scheme will be watched in this and many other Colonies with much interest.

According to a War Office an lieved killed Lieut. Duffy, who is not more than 22 years of age, was in the Shanghai office of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and left there to volunteer in the latter part of 1915.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

TOD—SACHSE.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon of Mr. P. Tod, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tod of Shanghai, and Miss Freda Nancy Lennox, younger daughter of the late Mr. George Sachse and Mrs. Sachse, Hongkong.

Those present included a large representation of the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., where the bridegroom is employed.

Mr. L. N. Leete, Mr. B. B. F. Beith, Mr. C. W. Beswick, were among those who attended. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle, M.A.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. John Robertson (brother-in-law), wore white charmeuse with veil and orange blossom and an old lace cape which had been the property of her great grand-mother. Mrs. John Robertson, sister of the bride, was the matron of honour and wore taffeta and a black velvet picture hat.

The best man was Mr. Alan Stewart, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The bride's mother was gowned in blue and black striped satin with black velvet hat and sables.

Mrs. Harry Tod, the bridegroom's mother, wore lavender satin with black velvet hat and carried a bouquet of violets. Mr. Denman Fuller played the wedding music.

A reception was afterwards held at Kingsclere, the residence of Mrs. Sachse, and subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Tod left on their honeymoon, which is being spent at Taipo.

DO YOU COUGH?

In response to an urgent request for

provision of more bed accommodation for wounded soldiers in Gloucestershire, the Right Reverend Dr. Chamberlain, Bishop of Gloucester, has offered his palace as a hospital to the Red Cross Society, which has been accepted.

Gloucestershire has already over 2,000 beds occupied by the wounded.

## SUMMARY COURT ACTION.

## DISPUTED QUESTION AS TO PARTNERSHIP.

In the Summary Court this morning the San Yick firm, 158 Des Voeux Road Central, teakwood dealers, sued Leung Lin, for \$221.24 being the balance of goods sold and delivered.

Mr. Davidson for the plaintiff stated that he understood that the defence was that the defendant was not, as described in the writ carrying on business under the style of Kwong Hop Young and that he was only a fok in the firm and had never been a partner. On June 18th, 1916, plaintiff supplied goods to the defendant to the value of \$481.41. He dealt at that time with the defendant and so far as he was aware he was the firm. On at least three occasions before the plaintiff had supplied goods to the Kwong Hop Young and in all those transactions he dealt with the defendant as a partner.

Payments were made for those goods in cash by the defendant. Perhaps the most significant point in the whole of the plaintiff's case was that on December 14th, the Kwong Hop Young was closed and a little later the plaintiff, looking about for his debtor, discovered he had gone to 22, Lai Fat Street, and was carrying on business there under the name of Hop Shing Leung. Plaintiff applied to him for payment and obtained two sums in part payment of the account of the Kwong Hop.

Mr. Goldring, for the other side contended that the defendant had never been a partner of the firm.

The Chief Justice, after hearing the evidence gave judgment in favour of plaintiff with costs.

## THE LAST VESTIGE OF IMPERIALISM.

## CITY GATES TO BE RENAMED.

The name Chengyangmen (popularly known as Chienmen) has come down from the early days of the Tsing dynasty. As the word Chengyang in Chengyang in Chinese means of imperialism, a petition has been presented to Parliament for the change of the name of the Gates. According to the petitioner, in order to prevent the revival of imperialism in this land in the future, every trace of monarchy should be destroyed. He states that the Imperial honours and dignities introduced by the late President Yuan Shih-kai—such as the assumption of office at the Tai-Pai Palace and the inspection of troops at the Tien-an-men—should be destroyed. He suggests the change of the name of the first gate of the city to Kung Ho Men, the Republican Gate and the second Gate to that of Min Kuo Men, the Democratic Gate, with the third Gate retaining the present name Chung Hua Men. He also suggests that as these Gates were opened only once or twice a year when the Emperor performed his worship to Heaven, they should be thrown open to the public as soon as the new Constitution is promulgated.

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The petitioner, therefore, urges the members of the Provincial Assembly of Hunan to restore the former names of the city gate and the new street in order to commemorate the heroic deeds of the late General Huang Hsing.

Early in 1915 it became necessary to make definite arrangements with regard to the provision of land in France for the burial of British officers and men. Up till then, and particularly during the retreat and the subsequent advance to the Aisne, burials had often taken place in isolated graves which were, wherever practicable, cared for with reverence and respect by the French peasants and owners of land, and in a few cases, permanent concessions of land were offered.

By this time however French civil servants were being more regularly used and it was also possible to arrange for special burial grounds. The Director of the War Office, in France, has established a record of the positions of graves.

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## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

## PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR RECEPTION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

PEKING, Jan. 3. The President on New Year's Day received the Ministers of the Neutral, Entente and Allied Powers in three separate groups.

## THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

PEKING, Jan. 3. The Government's administrative policy will be announced in Parliament after the New Year holidays.

## LUNG-CHAI KWONG.

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## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## YEAR'S BOMBARDMENTS.

## 700 ENEMY AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

PARIS, Jan. 3.

The Allies in 1916 carried out 750 aerial bombardments of which the French were responsible for 230 and the British 180. On the Salonika front there were 174.

The French brought down 450 aeroplanes and 40 balloons and the British 230 aeroplanes and 27 balloons.

## LIVELY ARTILLERY DUELS.

PARIS, Jan. 3.

A communiqué records a very lively artillery duel north and south of the Somme, and in the regions of Rouvroy and at Verneuil around Monthouison and Bezon Vaux.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S MESSAGE TO LABOUR.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Sir Douglas Haig in a letter to Mr. Ben Tillett says: "Tell Labour that the best Christmas present they can make to their comrades in the field is to see that nothing during 1917 will hinder the regular, constant and increasing output of munitions and material. If the munition workers and the troops in the trenches pull together our triumph is certain."

## ITALY'S CONQUESTS.

## MUNITION-MAKING IN ITALY.

ROME, Jan. 3.

Italy notifies that she has conquered 1,200 square miles of territory and shortened her front by 122 miles.

She has taken prisoner 85,000 Austrians.

48,000 persons are employed on the making of munitions. The total includes 73,000 women.

## THE GREEK SITUATION.

## ISLAND POPULATIONS REVOLT AGAINST THE KING.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Reuter learns that the populations of the islands of Psara and Imbros have thrown off their allegiance to King Constantine.

## SITUATION "ONE OF UTMOST UNCERTAINTY."

ATHENS, Jan. 3.

The situation here is one of the utmost uncertainty. The King is finding much difficulty in replying to the Allies demands owing to the attitude of the populace.

## LATEST STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The following steamers have been sunk:—*Concepcion* (French); *Goosebridge* (Swedish); *Holybunch* (British); *Erika* (Norwegian).

## THE HOME PRODUCTION OF FOOD.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Mr. Prothero, President of Agriculture, has appointed an "Advisory Committee" of ten farmers and agricultural experts to assist with a scheme for increasing the Home production of food.

Agricultural war committees have been established in the English counties.

A joint conference will shortly be held in London.

## A NEW IMPERIAL ORDER FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The *Daily Express* foresees the institution of a new Imperial Order in the next Honourable List.

## INDIAN LITIGATION.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

In connection with the protraction of Indian litigation the *Times* strongly endorses the suggestion of a correspondent that the Indian High Courts should be given without delay powers similar to those of the English and Dominion Courts to constrain an appellants to prosecute his appeal diligently, also to prescribe a reasonable period in which the record must be transmitted to England.

## THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

## FURTHER BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

An official message from Mesopotamia says: "Despite heavy rains we further progressed on the right bank of the Tigris, east and north-east of Kut-el-Amara."

## JAPANESE STEAMER WRECKED.

## FIFTY SAVED OUT OF FOUR HUNDRED.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4.

Details are to hand of the wreck of the Japanese steamer *Hanaku Maru* at Chefoo on Christmas Day in a blizzard. Owing to terrible seas rescue was impossible for three days. Then Captains Stamps of the Netherlands Company constructing the Harbour Works at the port put off in a Chinese tug and most gallantly saved 50 out of 400.

## AMERICA AND MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.

The difficulties between America and Mexico appear to be smoothed.

## A MEXICAN CONSUL-GENERAL ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.

The Mexican Consul General here has been arrested and charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October, 1915.

## RECORD FLOODS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Jan. 3.

Record floods occurred in North Queensland and Central Queensland on December 27 when 15 inches of rain fell. A hundred persons were drowned at Clermont.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE ALLIES' REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Reuter learns that the Allies reply to President Wilson's Note will be presented in a few days.

It is not expected that the Netherlands will associate itself with the United States, while attempts to secure the co-operation of South America have not met with much success. Certainly, the Argentine, Brazil and several smaller States will not take action.

## COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

It is understood that Mr. Walter Long (Colonial Secretary) will attend the Imperial and Colonial Premiers' Conference.

## GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS.

SPECULATION IN AUSTRIA.

An *Asahi* message from Paris, dated 21st ult., says that according to Austrian papers the probable terms of peace to be submitted by Germany are being studied in Vienna with great interest, and the following are believed to be the principal conditions:—

(1) Belgium and France to be restored to the *status quo ante bellum*.

(2) Germany not to be held responsible for compensation for individual losses suffered by British people (such as the sinking of merchantmen).

(3) Germany to recover all her lost colonies.

(4) Lithuania, Courland, Livonia and Poland to be separated from Russia and two independent kingdoms formed out of them.

(5) Russia to withdraw from Asiatic Turkey.

(6) Russia to recognise the suzerainty of Turkey in the Dardanelles.

(7) Bulgaria to obtain possession of Dobruja and a portion of Serbian Macedonia.

## PURCHASE OF GERMAN GUANO BUSINESS FOR £250,000.

Lord Rhondda, it is stated, has bought the Anglo-Continental Guano Company for £250,000. It was formerly a German concern, the head office being in Hamburg and the London address Dock House, Billiter-street.

The German company had a capital of £100,000, and in 1911 paid a dividend of 8 per cent.

This is Lord Rhondda's second new enterprise. This week it was announced that he had acquired on behalf of a syndicate the assets and business of Messrs. A. Wulff & Co., manufacturers of saltpetre, formic acid and other chemical products.

## AFTER THE WAR—WHAT?

## SOME PREDICTIONS AS TO POST-BELLUM REORGANISATION.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

When the warring nations lay down their arms a new era in the world's history will begin. Old systems, superstitions and institutions will have been laid low; a drastic reorganisation of civilisation is inevitable. The question that men and women are asking themselves to-day is: What will the new world be like?

In "What is Coming," the well known novelist, H. G. Wells, who calls himself a "prophet in an age of war," says a new and striking series of predictions about people and civilisation in the coming era. This book is as interesting as it is thoughtful, and has been acclaimed as one of the notable books of the season. Below are a few quotations from the book:—

## A WORLD LEAGUE OF PEACE.

More people and more intelligence is concentrated upon the manufacture of cigarettes or hairpins than upon the establishment of a permanent world peace.

As the old conception of isolation fades, and the American mind accustoms itself to the new conception of a need of alliance and understanding to save mankind from the megalomania of races and dynasties, I believe it will turn first to the idea of keeping the sea with Britain and France, and then to this still wider idea of an understanding with the Pledged Allies that will keep the peace of the world.

The primary business of the Allies is not reconciliation with Germany. Their primary concern is to organise a great League of Peace about the world with which the American States and China may either unite or establish a permanent understanding.

Mars will sit like a giant above all human affairs for the next two decades, and the speech of Mars is blunt and plain. He will say to us all: "Get your houses in order. If you squabble among yourselves, waste time, litigate, muddle, snatch profits and shirk obligations, I will certainly come down upon you again."

## RECONSTRUCTION FORECASTS.

For old lawyers and old politicians and "private ownership" to handle the great problem of reconstruction after the war in the spirit in which our affairs were conducted before the war, is about as hopeful as if an elderly jobbing bricklayer, working on strict trade-union rules, set out to stop the biggest avalanche that ever came down a mountain side.

This court and land-holding class cannot go on being rich and living rich during the strain of the coming years. The reconstructing world cannot bear it.

By 1920 we shall be going about a world that will have recovered very largely from the impoverishment of the struggle; we shall tour in State-manufactured automobiles "upon excellent roads, and we shall live in houses equipped with a national factory-electric light installation, and at every turn we shall be using and consuming the products of nationalised industry—and paying off the National Debt at the same time, and reducing our burden of rentiers. Our boys will be studying science in their schools more thoroughly than they do now, and they will be learning Russian instead of Greek or German. More of our boys will be going into the public service, and fewer thinking of private business, and they will be going into the public service, not as clerks but as engineers, technical chemists, manufacturers, State agriculturists and the like.

The Allies will become State arms as Germany was, indeed, already becoming before the war; setting private profit aside in the control of agriculture, handling agriculture, transport, shipping, coal, supply of metals, the manufacture of a thousand staple articles, as national concern.

"Therefore, we must not whimper and complain, merely because we must bear privations. The enemy is listening for every utterance and draws hope from every exaggerated complaint that he will be able to defeat us. Let us for this reason observe moderation in criticism, and only criticise where it is necessary, or when criticism helps to remove abuses. Let each individual adopt as his own motto 'L'état c'est moi.'

## SIDELIGHTS FROM GERMANY.

## "HOLDING OUT" REQUIRES STEERN HEROISM.

The Kaiser has recently declared: "We shall hold out."

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," in a recent article on "Holding Out," concludes a passionate appeal to the nation as follows:—

"We know that we must limit ourselves, and we shall do it in the consciousness that the sacrifices which we bring, although demanding stern heroism, are nothing to the sacrifices which are being borne in the trenches, on the high seas, under the seas, or on snow-bound mountains, by men who are giving their lives for us and for our future."

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## ENEMY MINELAYER TRAPPED.

## PRIZE BOUNTY FOR A LIGHT CRUISER SQUADRON.

Prize Bounty was awarded in the Frize Court recently for the sinking of the German minelayer *Meteor* in the North Sea.

Commodore R. Yorke Tyrwhitt and the officers and crews of the following five light cruisers were awarded £555:—

H.M.S. *Arethusa* (flagship), Commander E. K. Arbuthnot.

H.M.S. *Aurora*, Captain W. B. Nicholson.

H.M.S. *Cleopatra*, Captain F. P. Loder Symonds.

H.M.S. *Conquest*, Captain J. F. Fife, and

H.M.S. *Unruffled*, Captain F. G. St. John.

Commander M. H. Anderson, R.N., said that on August 9, 1915, when the squadron were some 50 miles north-west of Horns Reef, the *Meteor* was seen to founder. From a neutral vessel the *Arethusa* rescued the crew of the *Meteor*, who had been sunk by the *Meteor*.

Enemy airships had reported the British squadron's approach to the *Meteor*, and

the disposition of the cruisers on a line of 50 miles leaving no room for her to escape, she was scuttled and blown up by her own crew, who went on board the *Meteor*, a Swedish fishing vessel which was near by, no prisoners being taken.

So pleased apparently were the German crew with their exploit that, on

their return to their own country, they were photographed in a body, and they numbered 102.

Women have won the vote. Not the most frantic outbursts of militancy after the war can prevent them getting it. There is scarcely a point where women, having been given a chance, have not more than made good. They have revolutionised the estimate of their economic importance, and it is scarcely too much to say that in the long run the military strength of the Allies, bears down the strength of Germany. It will be this superiority of our women which enables us to pit a woman at the centrepiece of the government against a man at the centrepiece.

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PROBLEM.

NEW PROCESS TO UTILISE THE  
PEAT SOURCE.

CHARCOAL FOR THE TRENCHES.

We have been told something about this in one of Reuter's telegrams. The following more detailed information is taken from the "Daily Chronicle":

Our coal supply is restricted for want of labour, and fuel for business and civilian purposes must be economised. The Navy, the Army and our Allies must have first call on our coal sources. In view of the shortage of coal and of freight, why should not the Government utilise the vast peat deposits which exist in the United Kingdom? Until recently there was no system in existence for the utilisation of peat on a commercial basis, but a new invention, which has reached a commercial stage, has been introduced in this country, and offers a means of supplementing the existing coal supply and of providing ideal charcoal for the trenches.

The system has been investigated by the Ministry of Munitions, and not from the point of view of its fuel possibilities. When Mr. Lloyd George was at the Ministry he called about everywhere to find a new raw material for explosives, and, with his characteristic alertness, had an inquiry made to ascertain what quantity of acetate of lime could be obtained from peat. He found that the amount was small in comparison with the work and expenditure involved, and, having other processes in view, found his easier supply elsewhere. This process of utilising peat, and another one which has not reached the same stage of development, have since been investigated by the Inventions Department, with the object of ascertaining what amount of nitrate of ammonia could be obtained from peat by the application of one or other of the processes.

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The problem at present, however, is to obtain peat for fuel purposes and charcoal for the trenches. These can be obtained and the factory exists, which, although shut down owing to the lack of labour, can produce both products in considerable quantities. The whole trouble with regard to the utilisation of peat has arisen from the difficulty of completely separating the moisture from the solids. It was this difficulty that all inventions had failed to overcome. The new process here referred to, known as Waterbaking, solves the problem. The process is simple, and works almost automatically.

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## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

POLICE SCHOOL.  
All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of Classes I, II, and IV will attend at Headquarters' Club for examination at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:—  
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Wednesday, Jan. 10th—Class II (Inspector Gordon).  
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Wednesday, Jan. 10th—All Recruits.  
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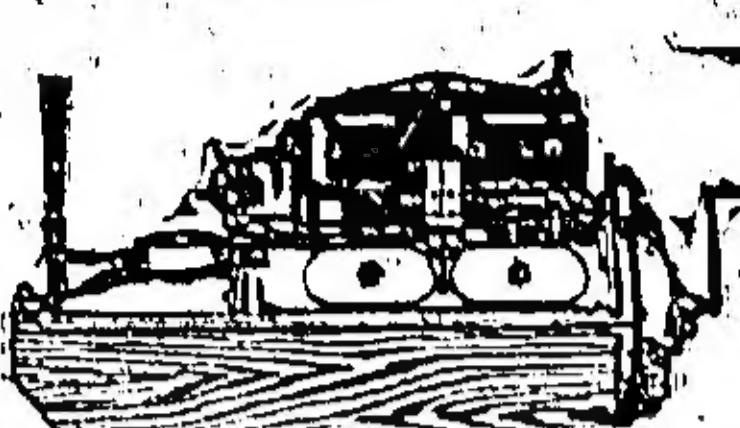
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